103D CONGRESS 2D SESSION

## H. J. RES. 424

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to voluntary school prayer.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 1994

Mr. Istook (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Barrett of Nebraska, Mr. Bateman, Mr. Dornan, Mr. Moorhead, Mr. Hansen, Mr. DeLay, Mr. McNulty, Mr. Skeen, Mr. Bill Baker of California, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Packard, Mr. Callahan, Mrs. Vucanovich, Mr. Hutto, Mr. Taylor of North Carolina, Mr. Ballenger, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Armey, Mr. Bartlett of Maryland, Mr. Bachus of Alabama, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Doolittle, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Goodlatte, Mr. Herger, Mr. Hancock, Mr. McCollum, Mr. Solomon, Mr. Taylor of Mississippi, Mr. Brewster, Mr. Pete Geren of Texas, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gingrich, Mr. Hall of Texas, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Orton, Mr. Condit, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Lucas, and Mr. Everett) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

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- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-

- 1 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
- 2 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
- 3 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
- 4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
- 5 States within seven years after the date of its submission
- 6 for ratification:
- 7 "Article —
- 8 "Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to
- 9 prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or
- 10 other public institutions. No person shall be required by
- 11 the United States or by any State to participate in prayer.
- 12 Neither the United States nor any State shall compose
- 13 the words of any prayer to be said in public schools.".

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